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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO [redacted] (P)

WILLIAM RAYMOND CORSON  
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On 7/11/73, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

The current Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory lists WILLIAM R. CORSON, 9550 River Road, Potomac, Maryland, as the subscriber to telephone number 299-3608.

Indices of WFO reflect CORSON [redacted]

[redacted] At the time of this investigation CORSON was employed as a Consultant with the Cost of Living Council, Washington, D. C. (WDC). WFO letter and LHM dated 6/28/72 contains the predication and results of the 157 investigation.

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Inquiry of the Cost of Living Council revealed that CORSON was no longer employed by the Council but had possibly gone to work for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

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[redacted] Security Office, DOT, advised that CORSON was hired by the DOT sometime in April, 1973, as a Consultant in the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary and terminated his DOT employment on 6/29/73. [redacted] made several discreet inquiries and determined that CORSON, immediately prior to leaving the DOT, told a fellow worker he planned to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in July, 1973, to help an author work on a book and in August, 1973, he planned to join the Marriott Corp. on a "short time basis."

[redacted] advised the subject, during the normal course of his DOT duties, [redacted]  
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No LHM is being submitted at this time as [redacted] is no longer a government employee.

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[redacted] will be handled per instructions contained in Section [redacted] Bureau authority will be requested prior to any interview of CORSON in view of his controversial background and his authorship of several books.

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Director, FBI [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM RAYMOND CORSON  
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Reurlet 8/30/73.

Authority granted for you to interview Corson in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. Care should be exercised to protect sensitive sources in this matter. Your planned approach, as outlined in referenced letter, is approved, and should be followed in conducting this interview. Promptly furnish results in form suitable for dissemination, together with your recommendations for any further action deemed warranted.

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In July, 1973, [REDACTED]

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In referenced letter, WFO set forth results of background checks and requested Bureau authority to interview Subject, born 9/25/25, at Chicago, Illinois, is a retired United States Marine Corps Colonel. Since his retirement in 1968, subject has served as a consultant with the Cost of Living Council and as a consultant for the Department of Transportation. Subject has authored two books. "The Betrayal," published in 1968, was a critique of American strategy in Vietnam. Corson's second book "Promise or Peril; The Black College Student in America" dealt with the future of black radicalism in the United States. Corson's second book brought him to FBI attention; however, our inquiries disclosed no derogatory information (Bureau file #157-25456).

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Letter to WFO

Re: William Raymond Corson

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WFO proposes [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Corson. Corson will be asked if he is familiar with [REDACTED] and his cooperation solicited. It is anticipated that this approach will offer subject the opportunity to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and provide WFO the opportunity [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since WFO's approach appears to be a reasonable one that will provide sufficient information to resolve this matter and since no derogatory information has been developed during background investigation, this grants authority to interview subject.

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# Memorandum

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FROM: SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM RAYMOND CORSON  
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(OO:WFO)

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RE: WFO airtel, 7/19/73.

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. Care will be exercised to protect the original source in this matter. No direct questions will be asked during the interview which will disclose to the subject the identity of the official or the establishment contacted, the method used in the contact, or the fact we are aware of the contact. The interview will be conducted in a manner so that the subject will volunteer the details of the contact. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant or double agent.

I. Subject resides at 9550 River Road, Potomac, Maryland. He was born 9/25/25, at Chicago, Illinois, and is a U.S. citizen. The subject was employed by the Department of Transportation (DOT), from April 1973 to 6/29/73, when he terminated his DOT employment. Subject has no known employment at the present time.

The following background information is being set forth in view of the subject's somewhat controversial background and his position as an author of books dealing with black students' problems and the Vietnam war.

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CORSON served in the United States Marine Corps from 8/14/50, until his retirement on 7/1/68, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following his retirement, he published a book entitled "The Betrayal", wherein, according to the book reviews, CORSON criticized the American strategy in Vietnam.

From September 1968 to June 1969, CORSON taught in the Economics Department of Howard University, Washington, D.C. In 1970, CORSON's second book entitled "Promise or Peril; The Black College Student in America" was published. This book, according to one review, pointed out the potential in this country for a black revolution aided by an intellectual elite recruited from the ranks of Negro college students.

CORSON was employed by Operations Research Incorporated, Silver Spring, Maryland, as a Vice-President from 12/29/69 until his resignation on 4/15/71.

On 1/19/72, CORSON was hired as a Consultant with the Cost of Living Council, Washington, D.C. CORSON terminated this employment at an undetermined date and in April 1973, he was hired as a Consultant with the DOT. He resigned from the Department of Transportation on 6/29/73.

[REDACTED] Security Office, DOT, made several discreet inquiries and determined that CORSON, immediately prior to leaving the department, told a fellow worker that he planned to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in July 1973, to help an author work on a book, and in August 1973, he planned to join the Marriott Corporation on a "short time basis".

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In 1972, CORSON was the subject of a full field investigation conducted by the Civil Service Commission, in connection with his employment with the Cost of Living Council. No derogatory information bearing upon CORSON's loyalty was uncovered during the course of this investigation.

Also in 1972, CORSON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[redacted] CORSON was employed as a Consultant with the Cost of Living Council, Washington, D.C. WFO letter and LHM dated 6/28/72, contains the

[redacted]

II. Subject is married to [redacted] born [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was formerly married to [redacted] born [redacted] at Stamford, Kentucky. They were divorced in 1965. His present wife has no known employment. *(mas. William Raymond Corson)*

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III. On 7/11/73, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

The current Washington Metropolitan area telephone directory lists WILLIAM R. CORSON, 9550 River Road, Potomac, Maryland, as the subscriber to telephone number 299-3608.

IV. [redacted]

[redacted]

V. [redacted]

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VII. Inquiry at [redacted]

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WFO feels that CORSON should be

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VIII. It is anticipated that CORSON's purpose

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IX. Provided Bureau authority for interview is obtained, CORSON will be advised of the Bureau's interest and responsibility in matters relating to the Internal Security of the country. Specifically, CORSON will be advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He will be told

that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He will be told that [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM RAYMOND CORSON

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Re WFO airtel 7/19/73.

The Bureau is requested to check indices on captioned subject who was born 9/25/25, at Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/24/73

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FROM : SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (C)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM RAYMOND CORSON  
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(OO: WFO)

Re Bureau letter 9/20/73, wherein Bureau authority was granted for an interview of CORSON.

On 10/18/73, CORSON was interviewed pursuant to the proposal set forth in WFO letter 8/30/73. The subject displayed a very cooperative and friendly attitude and furnished the following information:

Sometime during the latter part of June or early July, 1973, CORSON was having lunch with two friends at a restaurant whose name he was unable to recall, but which is located in the vicinity of the Capitol. He identified his friends as [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, and Dr. [REDACTED] the subject's personal physician. During the luncheon, [REDACTED] noticed a friend of his seated at another table and called him to come over to meet his friends. [REDACTED] introduced this person to the subject and Dr. [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Soviet Communist Party Leader LEONID I. BREZHNEV. After several minutes of social conversation, [REDACTED] returned to his table.

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A short time after this meeting, CORSON [REDACTED] He

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The [redacted] whom the subject is referring to  
is identical with [redacted] (Bufile

[redacted] who arrived in the U. S. [redacted]  
[redacted] and departed on 7/13/73.

No further action in this matter is contemplated  
by WFO as CORSON has had no contact with [redacted]

For information of the Bureau, CORSON is now employed  
as Assistant Editor of "Penthouse" magazine. He is in charge  
of the Washington Office which recently opened at 1707 H  
Street, N. W., Room 807.